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1. PAK PRESS OCTOBER 6 HEADLINED PAK REP NIAZ NAIK'S
UNGA REPLY TO INDIAN FONMIN CHAVAN'S REPORTED CONTENTION
THERE THAT THE UNSC 1948 AND 1949 RESOLUTIONS WERE NOT
IMPLEMENTED AT THE TIME BECAUSE PAKISTAN DID NOT FULFILL
CERTAIN PRECONDITIONS AND THAT AS A CONSEQUENCE THEY
HAD BECOME OBSOLETE. ACCORDING APP ACCOUNT, NAIK ASSERTED
THAT NEITHER OF CHAVAN'S CONTENTIONS WAS VALID AND
SAID THAT THE RIGHT OF THE KASHMIRI PEOPLE TO DETERMINE THEIR
OWN FUTURE, ACKNOWLEDGED IN THESE RESOLUTIONS, COULD NOT BE
TAKEN AWAY BY ANY PARTY. HE REPORTEDLY CONCLUDED THAT
WITHOUT A SETTLEMENT OF THE KASHMIR DISPUTE WHICH TOOK INTO
ACCOUNT THIS "REALITY," THE SIMLA GOAL OF FREINDLY RELATIONS
AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE SUBCONTINENT COULD NOT BE REALIZED.
SEVERAL LEADING URDU PAPERS SAME DAY CARRIED STRONGLY-
WORDED EDITORIALS CRITICIZING CHAVAN UNGA REMARKS AND STRESS-
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ING NEED FOR SETTLEMENT ON BASIS OF KASHMIRI SELF-DETERMINATION.

2. COMMENT: GOP COULD NOT HAVE ALLOWED CHAVAN'S SPEECH
TO GO UNANSWERED. HEAVY PRESS PLAY OF NAIK REBUTTAL,
WHICH GOP NO DOUBT HELPED PROMPT, IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF
GOVERNMENT'S PRACTICE OF REASSURING PAK PUBLIC THAT IT
REMAINS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO SELF-DETERMINATION FOR KASHMIR,
WHATEVER MEASURES IT MIGHT TAKE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH
INDIA AND BRING PAK-HELD PORTIONS OF KASHMIR MORE FULLY
INTO PAK BODY POLITIC.
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